

AL-V-B-099
Spendelow Camp
Rt. 49 and Vocke Road
LaVale, Maryland
June 11-13, 1755

In the summer of 1755, the army of General Edward Braddock constructed a road across Haystack Mountain on its march from Fort Cumberland to Fort Duquesne. The first campsite of the June 11-13 expedition, on the western side of Haystack Mountain, was called Spendelow's Camp. The camp got its name from Lt. Spendelow, who was an engineer in the advance party. It was Lt. Spendelow who discovered a route through "The Narrows."

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

AL-V-B-099

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Spendelow Camp

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Rt. 49 and Vocke Road

CITY, TOWN

La Vale

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Sixth

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Allegany

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT☐ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☒ SITE☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☒ PUBLIC☐ PRIVATE☐ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

☒ YES: RESTRICTED☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED☐ NO

PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE☐ COMMERCIAL☐ EDUCATIONAL☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ GOVERNMENT☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ MILITARY☐ MUSEUM☐ PARK☐ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ RELIGIOUS☐ SCIENTIFIC☒ TRANSPORTATION☐ OTHER:**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

State Highway Administration

Telephone #: 383-4200

STREET & NUMBER

300 W. Preston Street

CITY, TOWN

Baltimore

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21201

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Allegany County Courthouse

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

30 Washington Street

CITY, TOWN

Cumberland

STATE

Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

MHT County Index for Survey 89-665 AL-2

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☒ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

Maryland Historical Trust, Shaw House 21 State Circle,

CITY, TOWN

Annapolis

STATE

Maryland

7 DESCRIPTION**CONDITION**

☐ EXCELLENT
☐ GOOD
☐ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED
☐ RUINS
☒ UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

☒ UNALTERED
☐ ALTERED

CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE
☐ MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The area of Spendelow's Camp has been transversed with roads, including Route 48. The State Highway Administration's District 6 facilities and a wooded area to the west of the sign are surrounded by a cyclone fence. No physical trace of the camp remains.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

PERIOD

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW

<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

June 11-13, 1755

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

In 1755, the army of British General Edward Braddock constructed a road across Haystack Mountain at a point identified as Sandy Gap. A marker at the Junction of Route 220 South and Route 49 West (Braddock Road) identifies as correctly as can be ascertained, the route of the original road as it left Fort Cumberland. It ran along what is now Fayette Street and crossed the mountain in much the same manner as the present-day Braddock Road. On the western side of Haystack Mountain, beside the waters of a small stream, is the first campsite of the expedition of June 11-13 1755. Called Spendelow's Camp, it was named for Lt. Spendelow who was an engineer in the advance party and it was Spendelow who discovered the Narrows.

Note: The sign was originally at the intersection of Braddock, Vocke, and Campground Roads. It was moved for construction of Rt. 48 to its present location.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Allegany County Land Records Cumberland, Maryland 21502

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATAACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY N/A**VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION**

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

William Pratt and Dave Dorsey

ORGANIZATION

Allegany County Historic Sites Survey

DATE

STREET & NUMBER

507 National Highway

TELEPHONE

777-5967

CITY OR TOWN

La Vale

STATE

Maryland

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.


RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438

1. STATE Maryland COUNTY Allegany TOWN _____ VICINITY _____ STREET NO. _____ ORIGINAL OWNER _____ ORIGINAL USE _____ PRESENT OWNER _____ PRESENT USE _____ WALL CONSTRUCTION _____ NO. OF STORIES _____	HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY INVENTORY <i>11</i> 2. NAME Spendelow's Camp DATE OR PERIOD AL-V-B-099 STYLE _____ ARCHITECT _____ BUILDER _____
4. NOTABLE FEATURES, HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE AND DESCRIPTION	3. FOR LIBRARY OF CONGRESS USE _____ OPEN TO PUBLIC

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION AND PHOTOGRAPHS MAY BE ADDED ON SHEET OF SAME SIZE

- ~~1A. Braddock's Road.~~
(2A.) Spendelow's Camp.
~~3A. Martin's Plantation.~~

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5. PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE		Endangered	Interior	Exterior
<p>** Source: <u>Historic Landmarks in Allegany County</u></p> <p>A staff report by the Allegany County Planning & Zoning Commission, Cumberland, Maryland , Jan. 1965</p>				
 <p>6. LOCATION MAP (<i>Plan Optional</i>)</p>		<p>7. PHOTOGRAPH</p>		
<p>8. PUBLISHED SOURCES (<i>Author, Title, Pages</i>) INTERVIEWS, RECORDS, PHOTOS, ETC.</p>		<p>9. NAME, ADDRESS AND TITLE OF RECORDER</p> <p>DATE OF RECORD</p>		

HISTORICAL MARKERS

Spendelow Camp

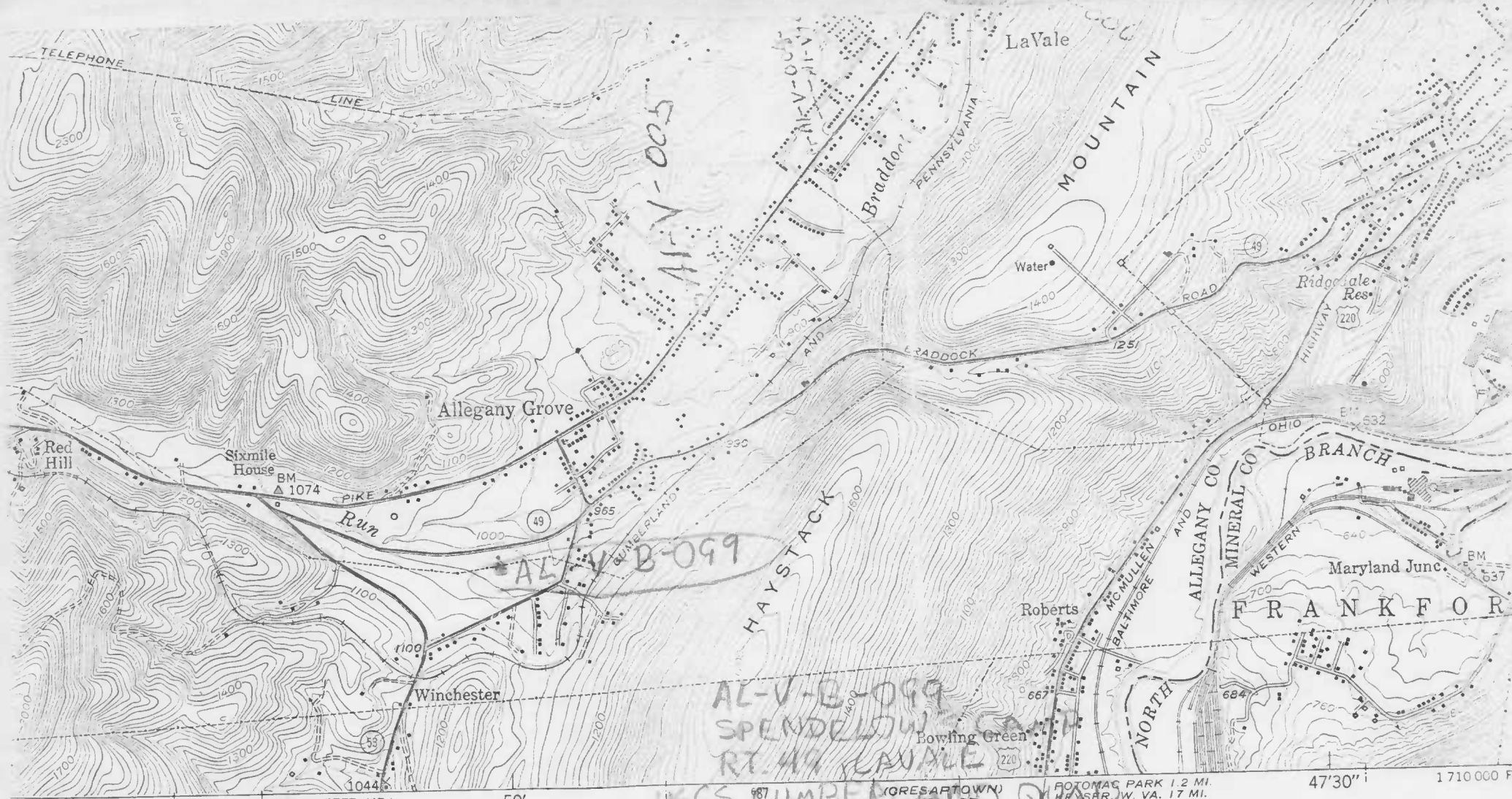
Also called

"Camp at the Grove"

General Braddock's 1st camp on the March from Fort Cumberland to Fort Duquesne June 11 to 13, 1755. After building a road over Will's Mountain, Spendelow, an Engineer discovered a route by the "Narrows" and Braddock's Run and a second road was opened.

(SRC) -- corner Braddock Road & Winchester Road

[Hazel G. Hansrote]

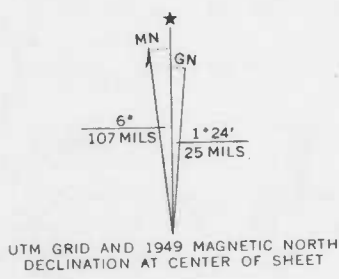


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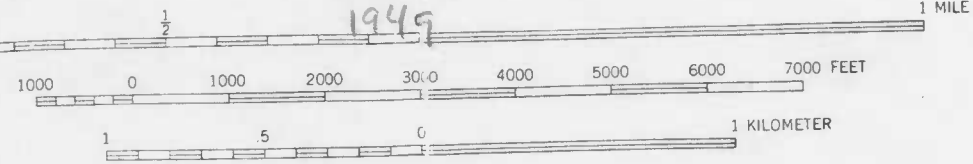
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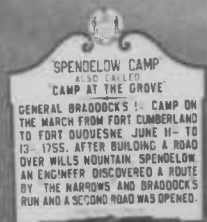
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KEYSER, W. VA. 16 MI.

SCALE 1:24,000
1949



CONTOUR INTERVAL 20 FEET
DATUM IS MEAN SEA LEVEL

THIS MAP COMPLIES WITH NATIONAL MAP ACCURACY STANDARDS
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SPENCELEW CAMP
ALSO CALLED
"CAMP AT THE GROVE"

GENERAL BRADDOCK'S 1ST CAMP ON
THE MARCH FROM FORT CUMBERLAND
TO FORT DUQUESNE JUNE 11- TO
13- 1755. AFTER BUILDING A ROAD
OVER HILLS MOUNTAIN, SPENCELEW
AN ENGINEER DISCOVERED A ROUTE
BY THE NARROWS AND BRADDOCK'S
RUN AND A SECOND ROAD WAS OPENED.

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SPENDELOW CAMP

WEST BRADDOCK Rd. VOCKE Rd.

WILLIAM J. PRATT

12/28/77

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